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International application No. PCT/JP2004/010269	International filing date (day/month/year) 13 July 2004 (13.07.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 29 August 2003 (29.08.2003)	
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1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).			
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.			
	In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter 1) instead.			
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4.	The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).			

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1.	With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.	was
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	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-16	YES	
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	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	6-10, 13, 16	YES	
		Claims	1-5, 11, 12, 14, 15	NO	
	Industrial applicability (lA) Claims	1-16	YES	
		Claims		NO	
					

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-5, 11, 12, 14, 15

Document 1: [JP, 2003-153140, A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 23 May, 2003 (23.05.03), paragraph [0018] and Figs. 4, 6] describes the point of generating and recording the top menu on the basis of chapter information.

Therefore, the inventions of claims 1-5, 11, 12, 14, 15 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR.

The inventions of claims 6-10, 13, 16 are neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor are they obvious to a person skilled in the art.